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Facts and Figures of the Public Debt.

There are but few persons who have any conception of the vast numbers contained in a billion. In order to arrive at something like a definite understanding of the density of such sum, let us suppose one ounce of silver dollars to be placed in a row, and let one man, to count them, would it take him to count it? Some say, perhaps a month, or maybe three months, or a year, but we will let us answer. We will suppose that an art would be able to count and arrange banking-house order, to every hundred, it would count sixty per three thousand six hundred per hour, allowing ten hours for a day's work, six thousand in a day, one million months and two days, and in one year a million eight hundred thousand, and a billion in ninety years. Now, let us suppose our National debt to be no more than it is generally stated to be, about \$2,700,000,000, and if we divide that sum by 10,800,000, the number that could be counted in one year, we find that it would take ninety years to count the National debt, and yet some of our Radical friends would have us believe that the debt is a mere trifle, while going on with their reckless extravagance, spending \$560,000,000 of the peoples money every year, mainly for the purpose of paying their own salaries and supporting forty or thirty thousand corrupt officials. Think of these things, ye tax-payers, and consider whether it would be better to continue in power a party so unscrupulous, so mercenary, and so recklessly extravagant, or to elect to the Presidency a man whose principles upon which the Gov-